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## Letter from Anne Whitney, to Adeline Manning, 1873 October 19

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Dear Adeline - However radiant  
in yo. mind may be the idea  
conveyed by 6 pulleys, <sup>with</sup> hoops  
& rings to correspond - if it is  
the impression produced upon  
one who have already expended  
treasure in more pulleys, cords  
hoops & hooks than that ordinary  
balloon of mine can absorb -  
12 pulleys at the least - & it  
works like a rusty lock that  
never did turn. - I have given it  
up - using it - however - to the  
extent of dropping it - over the  
clay at night & towseelooming  
it up by day. waiting until  
purchase yr. well - instructed  
intellct - shall shed new light  
upon this perplexing problem -  
I was so gracious as to  
look at Mrs. Duns' Louse  
after being told that she asked  
\$50. pr week - for a suite of

2 rooms & \$65- for one on  
the 2<sup>d</sup> floor. & I must say  
that if I do not have desired  
them for the help of extra price  
What must? I can see nothing  
beyond building or purchase.  
I see it - not but to settle  
one for all in a comfortable  
domicile. <sup>renting</sup> letting what is necessary  
for the present. & as we increase  
in worldly prosperity - appropriating  
more & more room to faded robes &  
costly ornaments?

The simple truth is  
that I find it very difficult at present  
to take time for the necessary walking,  
including climbing to get what we  
want. I have just so much  
leisure & keep within it I must.  
If a house co. be bought for \$1000  
it will cost us less than to live as  
we propose to do. But then - yes -  
I keep forgetting - we co. not  
probably purchase a housekeeper  
with it.



The days go by in glory - never  
even the woodlands so rich - &  
the skies fuller of East - east - east -  
Mr. B's barn, one perceives now,  
was an observatory - from my north  
window a circle of sweet - groves  
wreathes the rich meadow lands -  
the sumptuous array waiting  
as it were on the forbearance of  
the heavens - no doubt - they hold  
their bitter winds in leash & by  
& by they will bite through the  
best defence -

Now Lambert's case  
is considered hopeless by his  
physicians - this I knew some  
time ago from Dr. Shelburne - but  
now the family are aware of it -  
one lung is useless - How hard  
this is for our beloved Katy!

Brother Leo a terrible cold - but  
is doing better & will go out to  
dine I believe -

Even. I set out for W. Norton  
after dinner, with Sarah but rain

Turned us back. - Such color!  
We drove afterwards thro Waltham  
in the illuminated mist. - We were  
reminded of Lancaster.  
Miss Loring is at the other house to-  
day. She, with the other meet-  
ing <sup>assistants</sup> has her salary raised \$2.50  
making 12.00 - I hope this touches  
our friend Miss Allen.  
Last Thurs. we came out Newton  
way & drove up to Dr. N. to take  
farewell of Manima who went  
on Friday to N. Y. to take steamer.  
She went off with a heavy heart.  
but could not draw back on acct.  
of Miss Carter who had given up  
a good situation in a school in order  
to accompany her. The Robbins'  
are on their way home. Ellen has  
been for some time afflicted with  
a presentiment that she shall  
never see home again - I do not  
think her illumination is such as  
to warrant much respect for  
her visions. & I think we shall  
see her in about 10 days gay  
& hearty. Love to the household.  
I do hope in next letter to see that  
you are well. & so till we meet again.  
Don't hunt for that fool - it is of no  
importance whatever - please do not, my dear.